Glossary

ABE. Adult basic education.

ADA. Americans with Disabilities Act.

AFDC. Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

AFH. Adult family homes.

ASL. American Sign Language.

ASCLA. Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies Division of the American Library Association.

CART. Communication Access Real-Time Translation; involves the use of a computer, a stenotype machine, and real-time captioning software to provide real-time text of what is being said in a meeting or program.

CBRF. Community-based residential facilities.

CAP. Community Action Program.

CCBC. Cooperative Children's Book Center at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

CD. Cognitive disability.

CBO. Community-based organization.

Described videos. Videos in which the action is described when there is no dialogue.

DD. Developmentally delayed.

DHH. Deaf or hard of hearing.

ESL. English as a second language.

Even Start. A federal preschool education program for at-risk children that includes an adult education component.

GED. Certificate of General Educational Development.

Head Start. A federal preschool education program for four- and five-year-old children.

HSED. High school equivalency diploma.

Kurtzweiler. A machine that scans text much like a copier and then with a computerized voice reads the text.

RTC. Real-time captioning.

TANF. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families.

TEFAP. The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

TTY. Text telephone. TTYs are used by many people who are deaf or have a speech disorder to type in a message much like on a computer keyboard.

Universal design. Features that address the needs of people with disabilities but have no negative impact on people who are able-bodied.

Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System. Allows a text telephone user who may be deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired to call or be called by virtually anyone using a voice telephone.

WIC. Women, Infant, and Children program. Provides food assistance and health screenings for women with low incomes who are pregnant, who recently had a baby, who are breast-feeding, or who have children under the age of five.

W2. Wisconsin Works is Wisconsin's revised welfare-to-work program, initiated in 1996.